

REMARKS

Applicant apologizes to the Examiner for the failure to correctly amend the claims in the previous amendment. The misspelling in line 2 of claim 1 has been corrected as suggested by the Examiner. In claim 13 applicant had originally intended to insert "a cutting table" on line 2, but this was inadvertently omitted.


In view of the foregoing applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

If there are further problems with the application applicant invites the Examiner to telephone applicant's attorney of record at the below identified number for correction by Examiner's amendment.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Respectfully submitted,



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**AMENDMENT — VERSION WITH MARKINGS
TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

In the Claims

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended)

Apparatus for cutting or trimming a stack of sheet members:

~~cutting~~ a cutting table;

an elongated knife having a cutting edge extending along an elongated cutting edge axis;

a knife supporting frame connected to said cutting table;

guide mechanism mounting said knife to said supporting frame for movement of said knife from

a start position wherein said knife is positioned spaced from said cutting table and said stack of sheet members to a cut position wherein said knife moves toward said cutting table and trims or cuts said stack of sheet members;

said guide mechanism being movable on said frame to a first guide position causing said knife to move in a first direction relative to said cutting edge axis when moving from said start position to said cut position;

said guide mechanism being movable on said frame to a second guide position causing said knife to move in a second direction opposite from said first direction when moving from said start position to said cut position.

Claim 13 has been amended as follows:

13. (Twice Amended)

Apparatus for trimming or cutting a stack of sheet members comprising:

a cutting table;

a support frame connected to said cutting table and extending upwardly therefrom;

linkage mechanism comprising a base link and first and second side links pivotally connected to said base link and extending downwardly therefrom;

an elongated knife holder having an elongated knife with a cutting edge mounted thereto, and
being pivotally connected to said first and second side links, whereby said base link, said
first and second side links, and said knife holder form a collapsible parallelogram;
an extensible cylinder connected to said frame and to said knife holder for moving said knife
from a start position spaced from said table to a cut position proximate said table;
said base link being movably mounted to said support frame for movement from a first link
position wherein said first and second links angle downwardly at an inclined first angle
when said knife is in said start position to a second link position wherein said first and
second links angle downwardly at an inclined second angle opposite from said first angle
when said knife is in said start position.